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*Contingency Plan*

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Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, U. S. Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Tom:

I have talked to Mac Showers about your 15 July letter on sanitization of KH-4 photography covering contingency targets. DIA will be in touch with you shortly to explain the procedures within the present rules which the intelligence community believes will solve Johnny Hyland's problem.

Sincerely,

(signed) Bob Cushman

R. E. Cushman, Jr.  
Lieutenant General, USMC  
Deputy Director

cc Vice Admiral Lowrance

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT :** Sanitization of KH-4 Photography  
on Contingency Targets

**REFERENCE :** CNO Letter of 15 July and CNO  
Letter of 23 May

1. Admiral Moorer obviously does not intend to give up his effort to get blanket authority for sanitization of KH-4 photography. While the problem certainly is a USIB matter, the Admiral would be better advised to direct his requests through Admiral Lowrance. As you know, Admiral Lowrance is not at all anxious to grant field commanders blanket sanitization authority.

2. I recommend that we take this opportunity to try diverting Admiral Moorer back into channels. I have prepared a letter for your signature suggesting to Moorer that he pursue his request through DIA.

3. You will want to discuss this with Admiral Lowrance and there are two lines of approach you might suggest he take.

a. Once again suggest to Admiral Moorer that we give the present system a try. Perhaps Admiral Hyland could do this by submitting a short list of contingency targets on which he wants photography.

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b. Ask Admiral Moorer to spell out just how he would plan to handle the problems of delegation and control involved in a blanket authorization to sanitize. For instance, to ensure the Director's responsibility for protecting sources and methods is fulfilled, these questions should be answered before we go any further:

- What command level would authorize sanitization?

- What accounting procedures are envisioned for keeping COMIREX abreast of sanitization?

- What is the estimated number of targets requiring sanitized KH photography?

- Would access and control procedures be the same as those governing SIOP photography?

4. As for the other problem raised by Admiral Moorer--that of authorizing distribution of KH-4 photography as miniaturized transparencies--the issue is now being considered by the Sanitization and Decontrol Working Group.

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